

 <b>Executive – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011</b>		<b>Agenda Item No.</b> <b>11 A</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application</b>	
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<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	Budbrooke	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?</b>	No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>	Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme details. Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Applications file No.163 onwards. Correspondence with Applicant.	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No
<b>Equality &amp; Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken</b>	Yes

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	17/6/11	Andy Jones
Head of Service		N/A
CMT		N/A
Section 151 Officer	17/6/11	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer		N/A
Finance	9/6/11	Chris Brown
Portfolio Holder(s)	20/6/11	Cllr Grainger
<b>Consultation &amp; Community Engagement</b>		
Questionnaire carried out with residents of Hampton Magna		
<b>Final Decision?</b>	Yes	

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides details of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application by Budbrooke Parish Council for a redevelopment of a young person's space in Hampton Magna

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Executive approves a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant of £30,000 which equates to 36% of the cost as detailed in paragraph 7.1 supported by appendix 1.

3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To provide funding to help the scheme progress.

4. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 4.1 The Rural and Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Review supports the Sustainable Community Strategy and the cross cutting themes which form the priorities for funding are as follows:-

Engaging and supporting communities including community cohesion and embedding sustainability.

Targeted geographical areas (Neighbourhood Anchors).

Narrowing the gaps/ families at risk

Rurality

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 The budget for the Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Applications for 2011/12 is £150,000 (£75,000 for Rural Projects and £75,000 for Urban Projects). To this has been added £114,586 which is the unallocated budget from 2010/11 which will sit in a separate cost centre and be allocated to either Rural or Urban schemes as the main budgets are used up.
- 5.2 Therefore there is £75,000 available to be allocated for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Grants from the Rural Cost Centre in 2011/12 and if the application within this report is approved, £45,000 will remain in the Rural Cost Centre as outlined in Appendix 2.

6. **ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED**

- 6.1 The Council has only a specific capital budget to provide grants of this nature and therefore there are no alternatives if the Council is to provide funding for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Schemes.
- 6.2 Members may choose not to approve the grant funding, or to vary the amount awarded as discussed in paragraph 7.

## **7. BACKGROUND**

- 7.1 Budbrooke Parish Council have submitted an application in order to redevelop a play space and incorporate a natural play area, replacing existing play equipment and setting up a woodland area with bird boxes , educational labels for plants, willow structures and wigwams.
- 7.2 Budbrooke Parish Council does have £59,941 in reserves but are using £20,000 to fund this project and have a project in the pipeline for improvements to the Community Centre.
- 7.3 Budbrooke Parish Council last successful application from the Rural Initiative Scheme was back in July 2006.
- 7.4 It is recommended that the Executive approves the award of a Rural/Urban Capital improvement Grant to Budbrooke Parish Council of 36% of the total cost of the project inclusive of VAT subject to a maximum payment of £30,000